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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 9062.0456-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Michel GARRAIT et al.) Group Art Unit: 1625
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Application No.: 09/350,152) Examiner: T. Oh
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Filed: July 9, 1999)
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For: PROCESS FOR THE)
PREPARATION OF)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, the period for reply having been extended by the petition and fee filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.